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SUBJ: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE 1737TH MEETING,  
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1. SUMMARY: REPS NETHERLANDS, INDIA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
SPOKE ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY. COMMITTEE THEN BEGAN CON-  
SIDERATION OF PROGRAM BUDGET (PB) SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 AND 17.  
PROGRAM OF WORK FOR NOVEMBER 13, INCLUDES: UN PENSION SYSTEM;  
CURRENCY INSTABILITY; PB SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 17 AND 25; PB  
INCOME SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3; PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES  
AND ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ITEM 96: PROGRAM BUDGET 1976-1977; EFFECTS OF CONTINUING  
CURRENCY INSTABILITY (SYG REPORT A/C.5/1692, ACABQ  
REPORT A/10008/ADD.4). NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED COMMITTEE  
TAKE PRAGMATIC APPROACH, CUT OUT EXPENSES WHEREVER POSSIBLE  
AND WEED OUT OBSOLETE PROGRAMS. RECOMMENDED NOTING SYG  
REPORT AND ENDORSING RELEVANT COMMENTS OF ACABQ. INDIA  
NOTED THAT WHO, UNESCO AND ILO HAD SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH  
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PROBLEM, BUT THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTION IS LIMITED BY

FEAR THAT TOO ENERGETIC ACTION WOULD DAMAGE PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BELIEVED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION POSSIBLE BY REORDERING PRIORITIES AND WORKING OUT A PROGRAM IN BUDGETARY CYCLE TO ACHIEVE BIENNIAL GOALS OF MEDIUM-TERM PLAN. ENDORSED RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET MACHINERY IN A/10007. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUGGESTED SECRETARIAT TAKE MEASURES SIMILAR TO UNESCO IN OVERCOMING PROBLEM, AND ALSO AVOID FILLING NEW POSTS UNTIL VACANT ONES HAD BEEN COVERED, FREEZING POSTS IF NECESSARY AS HAD BEEN DONE IN 1972. ITEM WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

3. BUDGET SECTION 1: OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND COORDINATION (SYG REPORT A/10006; ACABQ REPORT A/10008). CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED ITEM AND SAID ACABQ HAD RECOMMENDED A CUT OF \$1,250,000 PLUS \$4,000 (PARAS 63-65) FOR REPRESENTATION AND \$9,000 (PARA 61) FOR POSTS -- MAKING NET REQUEST OF \$19,282,000. CHAIRMAN ACABQ ELABORATED ON ITS REPORT. USSR SAID HE COULD NOT SUPPORT ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES ARISING FROM INFLATION AND CURRENCY INSTABILITY. HIS DEL WOULD ABSTAIN ON SECTION AS A WHOLE. USYG DEBATE REPLIED TO QUESTIONS FROM REPS OF PHILIPPINES AND ITALY; AND CHAIRMAN ACABQ REPLIED TO BELGIAN QUESTION. ITEM ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

4. BUDGET SECTION 22: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS: ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTRODUCED ACABQ REPORT AND CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT SYG'S BUDGET CONTAINED NO PROVISION FOR SOME PROGRAMS WHICH WILL ARISE AS A RESULT OF DECISIONS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE AND THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, CONCERNING UN SUPPLY DEPOT AT PISA, THE COMMITTEE DEFERRED FURTHER CONSIDERATION UNTIL NOVEMBER 13.

5. BUDGET SECTION 3: POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION: ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE EXPLAINED THAT THIS SECTION REPRESENTED CONSOLIDATION OF PARTS OF SEVERAL SECTIONS OF 1974/1975 PROGRAM BUDGET, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT BUDGET CONSOLIDATION DID NOT IMPLY THAT RATIONALIZATION  
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OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT. US DEL (NORBURY) MADE STATEMENT PER REF. (B). BELGIAN DEL CRITICIZED ACABQ FOR FAILURE TO RECOMMEND GREATER REDUCTIONS IN THIS SECTION.

6. BUDGET SECTION 17: (OFFICE OF THE UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR): ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTRODUCED ACABQ REPORT AND DID EXCELLENT JOB OF CLARIFYING OBSCURE POINTS IN

DOCUMENT A/C.5/1688. HE EXPLAINED THAT SYG PROPOSED THAT \$400,000 FROM REGULAR BUDGET BE USED AS NUCLEUS OF TRUST FUND WHICH WOULD TOTAL \$1.4 MILLION FOR 1976/77 BIENNium. OF THIS AMOUNT \$1,000,000 WOULD BE RAISED FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING \$600,000 FOR PRE-DISASTER RELIEF PLANNING AND \$400,000 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. FRG DEL SAID HE WOULD AGREE TO USE OF \$400,000 FROM REGULAR BUDGET IN 1976/77 AS AN EXCEPTION, BUT WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO REPEAT THIS PRACTICE IN THE FUTURE. NETHERLANDS DEL QUESTIONED JURISDICTION OF SECOND COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION FROM REGULAR BUDGET PER DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.2/1447) SWEDISH DEL OPPOSED FRG POSITION, STATING IT WAS QUITE APPROPRIATE TO USE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TEMPORARILY TO GET A PROGRAM STARTED WHICH WOULD LATER BECOME A LONG-TERM PROGRAM UNDER THE REGULAR BUDGET.  
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